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Basil Bailey House

1899

Foclesville vicinity, Jonesville community

Private

This two story frame house was built near the turn of the 19th century as the home of a Black landowning family. Basil Bailey was born during slavery and this larger frame house with two rooms down and two up and its decorative features represent the upward mobility of this family and that of other Black families who lived in similar houses.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Basil Bailey House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER West side of Cattail Rd.

CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Poolersville ☒ VICINITY OF 8

STATE COUNTY

Maryland Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	No	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. and Mrs. M.V. Owens Telephone #: 972-8657

STREET & NUMBER Cattail Rd.

CITY, TOWN STATE, zip code
Poolersville VICINITY OF Maryland 20837

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Registry of Deeds

Liber #: 4302 (Property Map:
Folio #: 14 CT 53, p.703)

STREET & NUMBER County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN STATE
Rockville Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE M-NCPPC

DATE 1976 ☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS 17-

CITY, TOWN STATE
Silver Spring Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story frame house stands on the west side of Cattail Road, and faces east towards the road. In front is a small yard with some large shrubbery -- perhaps dating from the early 20th century when the house was first occupied. To the north of the house is a narrow dirt lane that leads back to the former residence of Perry Davis, one of the Black families of Jonesville. Directly behind the house is a mobile home, in which the owner of the property, Mrs. M.V. Owens, and her mother, Mrs. Betty Genus (wife of Horace Genus of Jonesville) live.

The house itself has three bay facade, with a door centrally located, flanked by one window on either side. Above those windows are matching ones. The cornices are boxed, and there are rather long returns at each gable corner. The roof line is accented by a cross gable pediment. The balloon frame was originally sheathed with weatherboards, but today these are covered with asbestos shingles.

^{NOT}The house was locked, ^{or} Since it is not occupied, the interior was investigated. Presumably it had two rooms down and two up, like the other houses in Jerusalem/Jonesville of similar design.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

Black History

SPECIFIC DATES 1899-1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to oral informants, this house was the home of Basil Bailey and his family near the turn of the 19th century. These informants were Betty Genus, born in 1887, and Ora Lyles, born in the 1890's. Research of the deeds has not been completed at this stage to verify this oral account, but based on previous experience with these informants from the community, their account should be accurate. For further details, refer to the Horace Genus site in Jonesville.

ADDENDUM: According to deed, T.D. 14/16, this property was purchased by Basil Bailey from Hillery and Hattie Hebron in 1899. It was at this time that the house was probably built since its architectural style is of that period, and oral tradition maintains that it was built by Basil Bailey.

According to 1900 U.S. census of Montgomery County, Basil Bailey was born in 1858 and in 1900 was employed as a farm laborer. No wife was listed. His children were given as the following: Lillian B., born 1873; Claudette, born 1883; Cora M., born 1885; and Earl B., born 1892. The census gives Bailey's birthplace as Virginia. His children were born in Maryland.

Interviews with:

Mary Virginia Owens and Betty Genus, Jonesville community, October, 1978, by George McDaniel.

Significance:

Since Bailey was born in 1858, he might well have been born a slave. This house would then be a testament to his upward mobility. Even had he been a free Black during the antebellum era, it is highly unlikely that he would have lived in a house of this size.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.
 Oral interviews (not taped) with Betty Genus and Mary V. Owens, Jonesville
 community, October, 1978, by George McDaniel
 U.S. Census, 1900, for Montgomery County, Maryland, E.D. 52, p. 12A.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel, Surveyor

Wesley Stubbs, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

Oct. 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

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CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

Maryland

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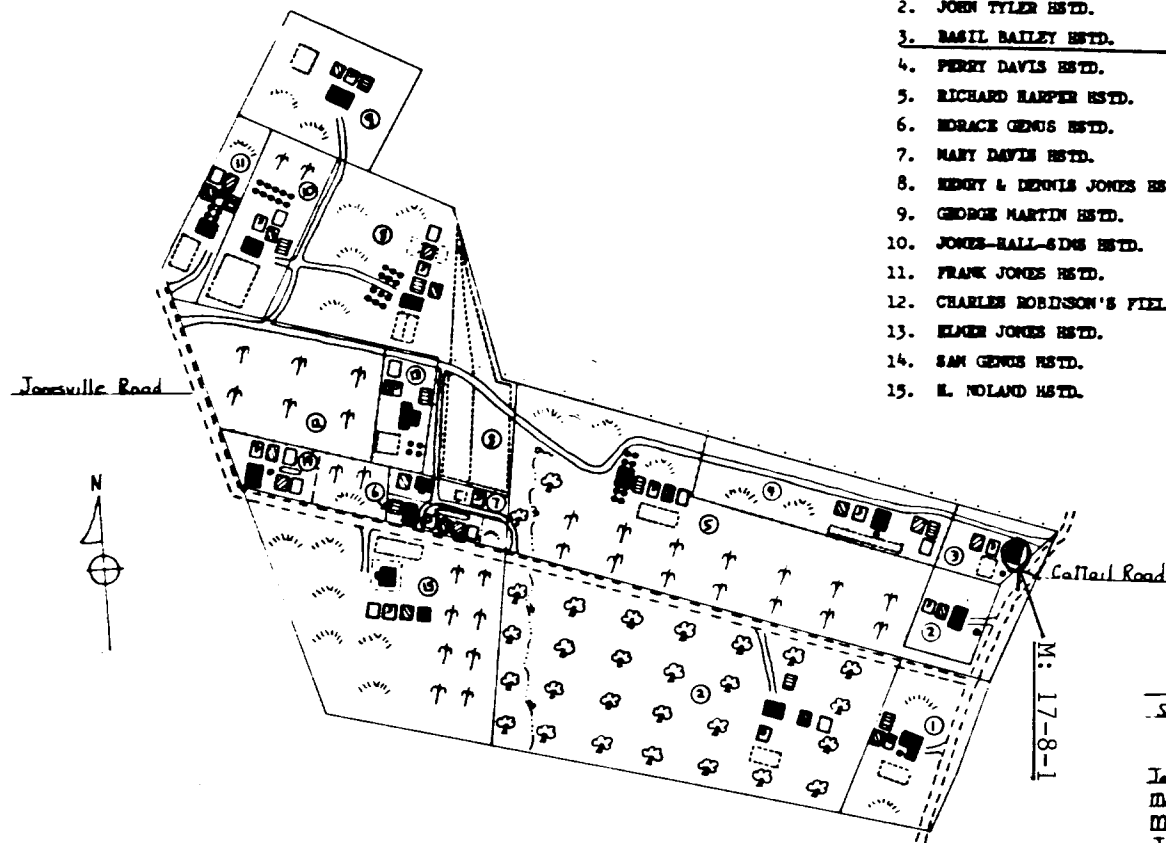
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SCHOOL	Ⓐ
DWELLING	■
PRY	□
STABLE	▨
MEAT HOUSE	▩
HEW HOUSE	▮
MILK HOUSE	▭
CORN/FEED HOUSE	Ⓕ
PIG PEN	Ⓚ
GARDEN	Ⓛ
PASTURE	⌘
CORNFIELD	⌘
HAY FIELD	⌘
ORCHARD	⌘
FOREST	⌘
THICKET	⌘
WELL	○
SPRING	○
STREAM	—
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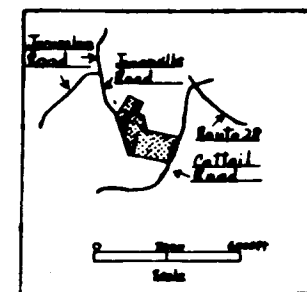
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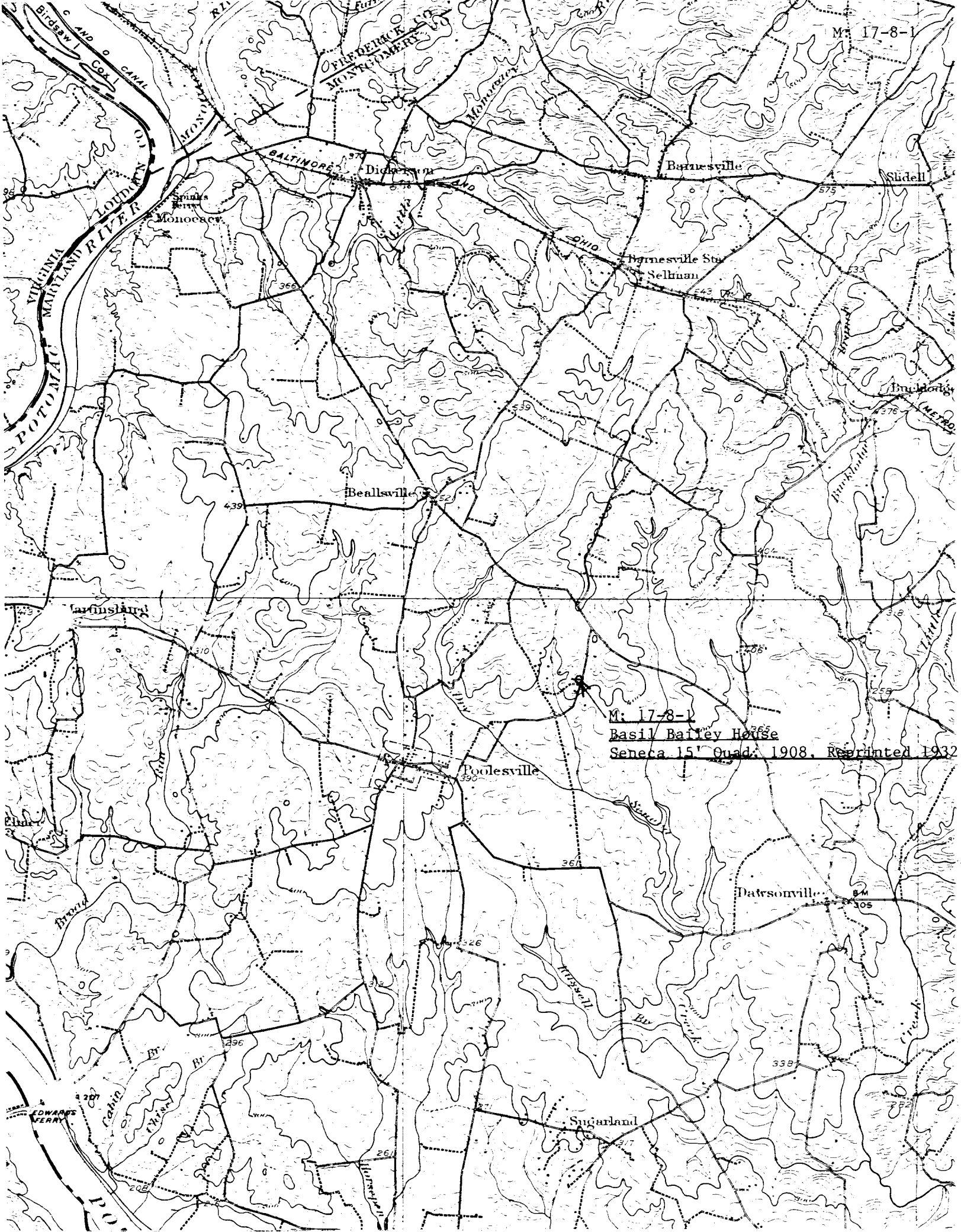
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5. RICHARD HARPER HSTD.	8.25 AC.
6. HORACE GEMUS HSTD.	1.00 AC.
7. MARY DAVIS HSTD.	1.00 AC.
8. HENRY & DEONIS JONES HSTD.	5.76 AC.
9. GEORGE MARTIN HSTD.	2.50 AC.
10. JONES-HALL-SIMS HSTD.	2.00 AC.
11. FRANK JONES HSTD.	1.13 AC.
12. CHARLES ROBINSON'S FIELD	3.00 AC.
13. ELMER JONES HSTD.	1.00 AC.
14. SAM GEMUS HSTD.	1.30 AC.
15. E. NOLAND HSTD.	7.75 AC.

Sources
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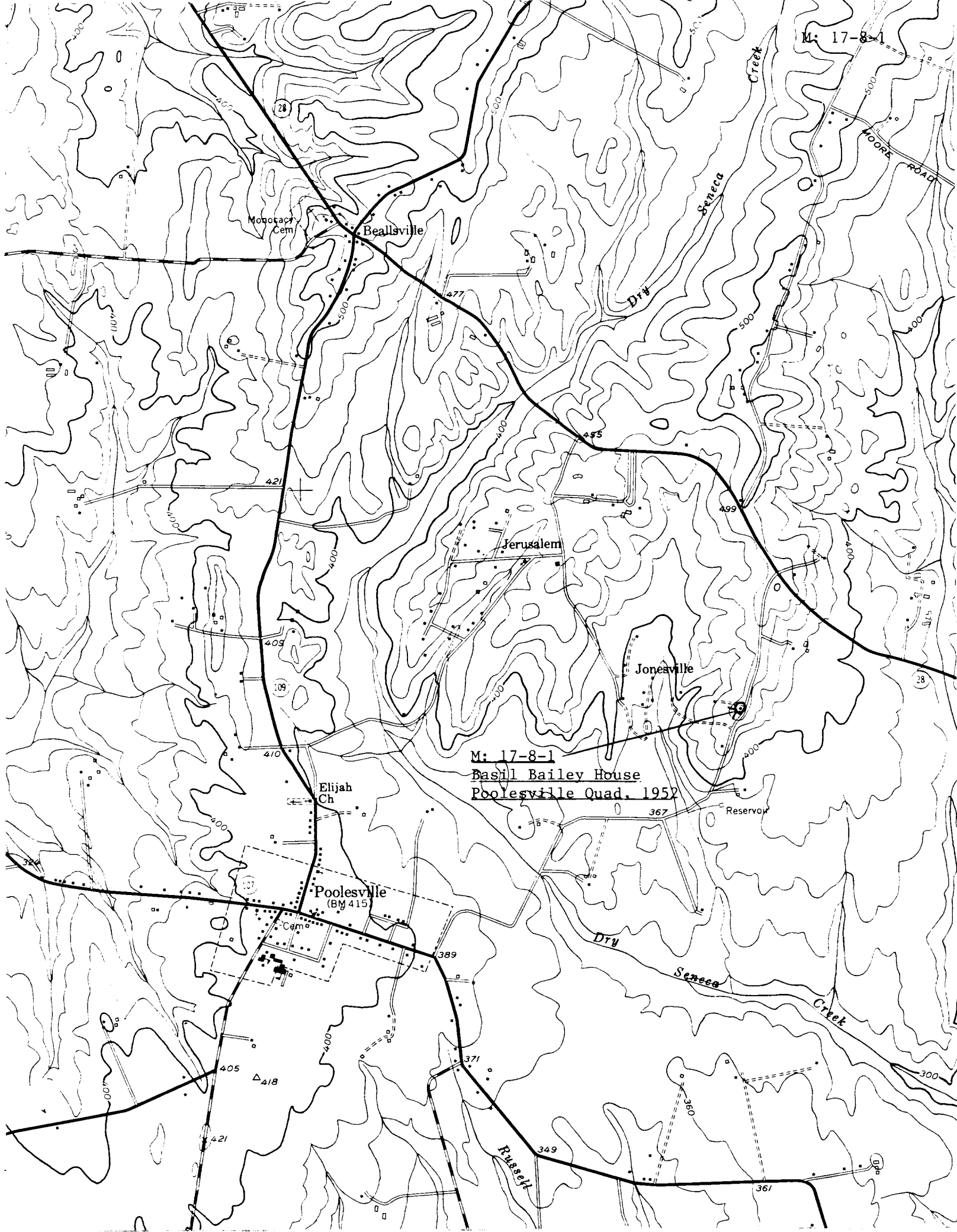


MAP 7
 JONESVILLE COMMUNITY, c. 1900-1925



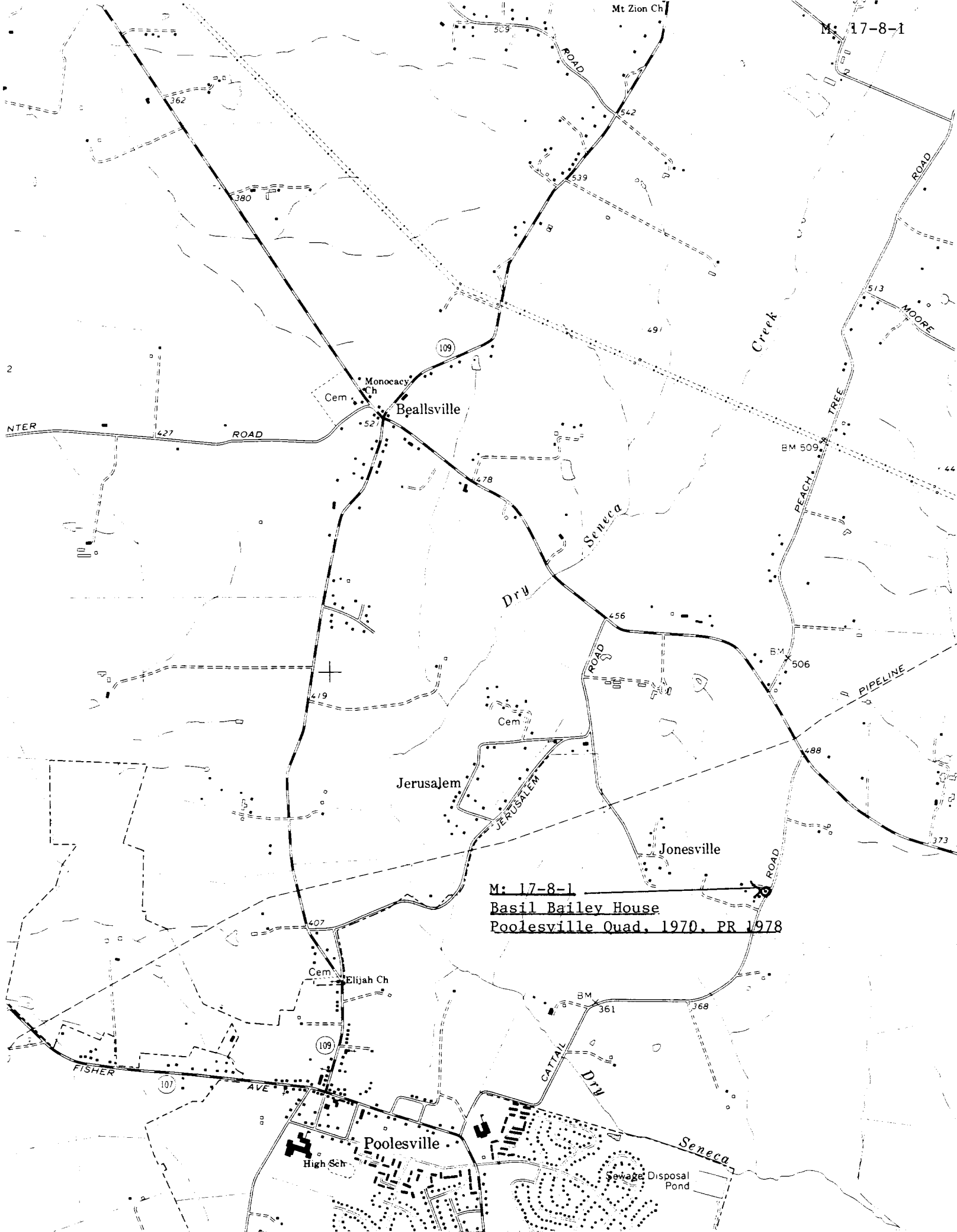
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Seneca 15' Quad, 1908. Reprinted 1932



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Basil Bailey House
Poolesville Quad. 1952



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Basil Bailey House
Poolesville Quad, 1970, PR 1978



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Facade : East Elevation

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Basil Bailey House

Rear Elevation : W. length

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